

Sat Jan 31

Dear Mom & Dad,

We've spent today at home doing some reading and some work on the income tax return. It's very pleasant in our apartment with the view from the 17th floor. Our new sofa is supposed to arrive on Tuesday and then we need to get a light for the dining room and some type of blinds for the bedroom and den windows.

The bridge party went fine although there wasn't much time for bridge after dinner was over.

We made the beef dish with

pecan pie for dessert.

We've gone over to the indoor pool a few times and used the sauna also. There was an ice-skating party to which Vickie invited a couple whom she met at work. I declined to skate, but we feel we're making good use of the facilities. The indoor tennis & racketball should be available soon.

I'm enclosing an abridged genealogy and the death certificate for your great-grandfather Close. You might pass the chart to your cousin to see if she knows anything to add. Please send the certificate back as I haven't made a copy yet. Tomorrow I'm planning to go to the National Archives to look up some census returns. Vickie will go to the Art Museum.

I'm going to the West Coast again on Wednesday and will be home Friday night - unless I visit Murray in Miami. National Airlines has a fare which allows a flight from L.A. to Miami to Wash. D.C. for only \$5. more than the direct flight. So, I can enjoy some warm weather and tennis for free if Vickie isn't too jealous!

Congratulations on the anniversary and hope we can visit again soon. Say hello to Mary, Mike, & Diane.

Love, Jim & Vickie